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SUBJECT: ITALIAN ASSISTANCE FOR MALTESE PIONEER CORPS

REF: VALLETTA 1289

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FONOFF DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NATO AFFAIRS, WHO IS ALSO TASKED WITH FOLLOWING MALTESE REQUEST FOR PIONEER CORPS ASSISTANCE, CONFIRMED REFTEL REPORT OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA AND ADDED A DETAIL OR TWO. OFFICIAL SAID THAT MINDOFF, AS USUAL, IS PRESSING FOR EARLY RECEIPT OF CONCRETE GOI PROPOSAL TO ENABLE PIONEER CORPS PROJECT TO GET OFF THE GROUND.

2. APART FROM THE CUSTOMARY PROBLEMS OF FINANCE COMPLICATED AT THIS TIME BY GOVERNMENT CRISIS, RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED BY MINTOFF' S CONTINUING INSISTENCE ON BRINGING LIBYANS INTO THE MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM. SOURCE UNDERSTANDS THAT LIBYANS HAVE OFFERED RIFLES AND UNIFORMS WHICH PRESENT NO PROBLEM BUT ITALIANS OBJECT STRONGLY ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS TO INCLUSION OF LIBYAN TRAINING OFFICERS ALONGSIDE ITALIANS.

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ALTHOUGH THIS QUESTION WAS NOT RESOLVED DURING RECENT VISIT OF  
POLITICAL DIR/ GEN DUCCI, FONOFF IS AT WORK ON SPECIFIC PROPOSAL  
WHICH WILL SET FORTH GOI CONDITIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS  
AND OTHER AREAS OF PIONEER CORPS PROJECT. AS MINTOFF HAS NOT  
MADE ACCEPTANCE OF LIBYAN PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING  
PROGRAM A SINE QUA NO FOR ITALIAN ASSISTANCE, FONOFF IS HOPEFUL  
HE WILL DROP THIS DEMAND WHEN PRESENTED WITH OVERALL GOI PROPOSAL.

3. FONOFF OFFICIAL DID NOT APPEAR VERY FAMILIAR WITH POSSIBLE  
FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN PIONEER CORPS EXERCISE BUT, PRESUMABLY  
ITALIAN OBJECTION ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS TO DIVISION OF  
TRAINING FUNCTION WOULD APPLY TO FRENCH AS WELL AS LIBYANS. VOLPE

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